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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 1993

Mr. STARK (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. WHEAT) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Government Operations and the District of Columbia

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
3 Economic Impact Notification Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR DISTRICT ECONOMIC IMPACT**
5 **STATEMENT FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES TRANS-**
6 **FERRING EMPLOYEES OUT OF DISTRICT OF**
7 **COLUMBIA.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-
10 section (b), if a Federal agency proposes to carry
11 out any program or activity that would result in the
12 transfer of employees whose official station or agen-
13 cy is located in the District of Columbia to another
14 station or agency that is not located in the District
15 of Columbia for permanent duty, the agency shall—

16 (A) prepare a District of Columbia eco-
17 nomic impact statement;

18 (B) submit the statement to the Commit-
19 tee on the District of Columbia of the House of
20 Representatives and the Committee on Govern-
21 mental Affairs of the Senate not less than 12
22 months before such program or activity is
23 scheduled to begin;

24 (C) submit the statement to the National
25 Capital Planning Commission, Congress, the
26 Administrator of General Services, the Mayor of

1 the District of Columbia, and the Council of the
2 District of Columbia; and

3 (D) publish the statement in the Federal
4 Register.

5 (2) TREATMENT OF CONTRACTS TO CONSTRUCT
6 OR LEASE FACILITIES.—For purposes of paragraph
7 (1), the entering into of a contract to construct a
8 new facility or to lease an existing facility as the of-
9 ficial station or agency of employees of a Federal
10 agency shall be considered a program or activity car-
11 ried out by the agency.

12 (b) EXCEPTION FOR TRANSFERS OF SMALL NUMBER
13 OF EMPLOYEES.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in the
14 case of a program or activity of an agency if the number
15 of employees transferred as a result of the program or ac-
16 tivity to a station or agency that is not located in the Dis-
17 trict of Columbia would be less than 50.

18 (c) FEDERAL AGENCY DEFINED.—The term “Fed-
19 eral agency” means an executive department (as defined
20 in section 101 of title 5, United States Code).

21 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF PROJECTS.**

22 (a) CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF PROJECTS.—Ex-
23 cept as provided in subsection (b), a Federal agency re-
24 quired to submit a District of Columbia economic impact
25 statement under section 2 may not carry out the program

1 or activity that is the subject of the statement unless Con-
2 gress enacts legislation specifically approving the program
3 or activity.

4 (b) EXCEPTION FOR NATIONAL EMERGENCIES.—
5 Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any program
6 or activity if the Federal agency submits a certification
7 to the Committees described in subsection (c) that an
8 emergency exists which requires that the program or activ-
9 ity be carried out in the national security interest of the
10 United States. The certification shall include a description
11 of the emergency circumstances which necessitate the car-
12 rying out of the program or activity and a discussion of
13 the national security interests involved.

14 (c) COMMITTEES TO WHICH LEGISLATION RE-
15 FERRED.—Legislation described in subsection (a) shall be
16 referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia of
17 the House of Representatives or the Committee on Gov-
18 ernmental Affairs of the Senate by the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives or the President of the Senate
20 (as the case may be).

21 **SEC. 4. PREPARATION OF STATEMENTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—A District of Columbia economic
23 impact statement prepared by an agency under section 2
24 shall describe the adverse effects of the program or activ-
25 ity that is the subject of the statement on the economy

1 of and employment in the District of Columbia, and shall
2 include the following:

3 (1) A socioeconomic analysis of the effects of
4 the program or activity on the District of Columbia.

5 (2) A projection of the effect of the program or
6 activity on unemployment in the District of Colum-
7 bia, including unemployment among employees of
8 other Federal and non-Federal entities who may be
9 affected by the program or activity.

10 (3) An analysis of the impact of the program or
11 activity on the number of people residing in the Dis-
12 trict of Columbia and the resulting impact on the
13 District's tax base, the housing market in the Dis-
14 trict, businesses in the District, and the demand for
15 services provided by the District government.

16 (b) CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS.—In
17 preparing a District of Columbia economic impact state-
18 ment under section 2, a Federal agency shall consult with
19 the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Council of the
20 District of Columbia, and the National Capital Planning
21 Commission. The Mayor of the District of Columbia and
22 the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia
23 shall provide the Federal agency with comments on the
24 statement, and the Federal agency shall include such com-
25 ments in the circulation of the statement.

1 **SEC. 5. REQUIRING HEADQUARTERS FUNCTIONS OF FED-**
2 **ERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO BE LO-**
3 **CATED IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The headquarters functions of
5 each executive department shall be carried out in the
6 District of Columbia.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8 (1) the term “executive department” has the
9 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 5,
10 United States Code; and

11 (2) the term “headquarters functions” means
12 any function or activity of the Federal Government
13 relating to the administration of national laws, the
14 formulation of policy directives and regulations, the
15 needs of the President for consultation with officers
16 of executive departments, or any other activities nec-
17 essary for the efficient functioning of the Federal
18 Government, and includes related administrative and
19 support services.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall apply to
21 functions carried out on or after the date of the enactment
22 of this Act, except that nothing in such subsection shall
23 be construed to require an executive department carrying
24 out such functions at a location other than the District
25 of Columbia before such date to carry out such functions
26 in the District of Columbia after such date.

1 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 Except as provided in section 5(c), the requirements
3 of this Act shall apply to functions, programs, or activities
4 of Federal agencies that are carried out during any fiscal
5 year beginning after September 30, 1994.

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